

HONORING REVEREND THOMAS LOGAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

**HON. CHAKA FATTAH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House to a great Philadelphian on the occasion of his 95th birthday, March 19, 2007. The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr., a 1935 Lincoln University graduate, is Rector Emeritus of the Calvary Church in North Philadelphia. In 1938, Father Logan began his now 60-year tenure of service to the diocese of Pennsylvania with his ordination as a deacon. One year later, he was ordained a priest at St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia. During his long and distinguished career, Father Logan served in numerous parishes including: St. Philips Church in New York City, St. Augustine's Chapel in Yonkers, St. Michael and All Angels and the Calvary Church both located in Philadelphia.

Father Logan's service to the children of God has extended beyond the church walls. He has been a member of numerous religious, fraternal, social and civic organizations including the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Restitution Fund Commission, the homeless fund, the Philadelphia Police Department, the National Conference of Black Episcopalians and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. As a delegate to the Anglican Conference in Cape Town, Father Logan brought his spirit, energy and steadfast commitment to social justice across the Atlantic ocean.

Father Logan is committed not only to his church but also to his lovely wife, Mrs. Hermione Hill Logan who on March 16 will achieve the modest age of 96. Father and Mrs. Logan have been happily married since 1938. It is my great pleasure to offer congratulations to Father Logan on his birthday. I wish him years of health and happiness and appreciate his decades of service.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BLOOD

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work done by the New York Blood Center (NYBC) and its efforts to recruit volunteer blood donors to help assure a safe and ample blood supply in the New York Metropolitan area. As one of the nation's largest non-profit, community based blood centers, The New York Blood Center has provided critical blood, transfusion products and services to patients in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut hospitals for over 40 years.

Established in 1964 in order to better serve the transfusion needs of the New York City community, New York Blood Center was founded in order to carry out a critical mission to provide community members with the highest quality transfusion products and services,

as well as leading-edge research and technological and medical care innovation.

The New York metropolitan area is currently experiencing a blood shortage that has reached an emergency level. The New York Blood Center reports a shortage of all types of blood, but most pressing a need for "O" type blood, the universal donor to patients of all blood types. Hospitals in New York need an average of 2,000 volunteer donors every day to meet critical patient needs. NYBC collects an average of 1500-1700 units/day to help meet these needs in combination with other providers.

When the number of donations falls below the necessary number, NYBC must import the balance of necessary units from other areas of the United States. Without these vital donations, blood must be rationed to local area hospitals and elective surgeries postponed until blood supply levels improve. While the current shortage has not yet caused rationing to occur, it has become an area-wide crisis that endangers the lives and well-being of New Yorkers and demands the community's immediate attention.

To date, NYBC has avoided this critical problem through continuous partnership with local and national government officials to perform constituent outreach. NYBC also collaborates with businesses and organizations that sponsor blood drives, as well as with individuals who donate on a consistent basis. In recent years, while the number of donations in the New York metropolitan area have remained steady, there has been a downward trend in the number of donations in Manhattan, contributing to the causes of the current shortage.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN VERNON

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 80th birthday of Lillian Vernon. Born Lilly Menasche in Leipzig, her family fled the perils of World War II and Hitler's Nazi regime in 1933, fleeing to Amsterdam, Holland then finally to the United States, settling in New York City in 1937. There she attended New York University for 2 years before getting married.

In 1951, while 4 months pregnant, Lillian began her mail order business with a \$495.00 sixth-of-a-page ad for a personalized handbag and belt in Seventeen magazine. What started as a simple business run out of her kitchen in Mount Vernon, New York, turned into a leading catalog and online retailer, with its corporate headquarters in Rye, New York. In 1987, Lillian's business became the first woman founded and owned business to go public on the American Stock Exchange.

In addition to Lillian's accomplishments in business, she believes strongly in giving back to her community. Her company has donated funds and merchandise to more than 5,000 charities, religious, and civic organizations. She serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the Virginia Opera and The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

She has spoken at many universities and has received several honors, including induction in the Direct Marketing Hall of Fame, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, the Big Brother/Big Sisters National Hero Award and the Gannett Newspapers Business Leadership Award.

At 80 years of age, Lillian continues to strive to be on the cutting edge of fashion accessories, exploring new and even more creative ideas. She is the proud mother of two sons, Dean Fred P. Hochberg, of the New School and David Hochberg, a private consultant. Especially committed to encouraging the careers of women, she has been a constant supporter and friend. Therefore, it is my pleasure to wish her many blessings on her birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I was unable to record rollcall vote No. 139. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 64.

HONORING DR. ELSON FLOYD

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Elson Floyd, President of the four-campus University of Missouri System. He was selected to run the system November 11, 2002. He is leaving to become the tenth President of Washington State University on June 1, 2007.

During his tenure as President of the System, he has brought about many innovative strategies which have benefited the Universities. He developed a System-wide Strategic Plan with measurable performance objectives. He established a system-wide fundraising goal of one billion dollars, of which 900 million dollars in documented gifts have been received to date toward this goal. Total enrollment increased 7,000 since his hiring to a record high of more than 63,000 students. Minority student enrollment has increased on all four campuses. He has leveraged private support to generate 266 need-based scholarships to enhance student access.

Although there have been lean budget years in the University system, Dr. Floyd has effectively managed them by implementing a plan to reduce System-wide administrative expenditures by 20 million dollars, far exceeding the 10 percent goal of 12.4 million dollars, reinvesting resources of this initiative into scholarships and financial aid, student services and faculty recruitment. He also developed a tuition guideline that holds tuition increases to the rate of inflation, provided that state support also keeps pace with inflation. This allows students and families a certain degree of predictability of college costs.

Dr. Floyd is the 2004 recipient of the James C. Kirkpatrick Award for public service given by the Northwest Missouri Press Association. He is also the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of